

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. ~~11-9~~, an outer tub assembly according to a sixth embodiment includes a front portion 40e and a rear portion 60e. Here, a thickness T' of the front portion 40e is greater than a thickness t' of the rear portion 60e. This embodiment may be considered as corresponding to the first embodiment.